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**POLYONE ELASTOMERS AND PERFORMANCE ADDITIVES RECOGNIZED
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM**

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Department of Labor & Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Michael E. Magill recently announced that PolyOne Elastomers and Performance Additives in Jonesborough was awarded the Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health.

PolyOne was presented the award by Magill at the 24th annual Tennessee Safety and Health Congress held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville in July.

"PolyOne has proven their commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace," said Magill. "Achieving the Governor's Award is a huge accomplishment because the evaluation criteria for the award are extremely challenging, but PolyOne has worked hard to meet and exceed those required standards."

The Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health is given to Tennessee employers who meet the required number of hours during a calendar year without workplace injuries serious enough to cause an employee to miss a day of work or restrict his normal job activities. The number of hours required is based on the size of the company.

PolyOne has had no lost-time work injuries since February 1998. The TOSHA Division of the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development has provided consultative services to the employer to insure their compliance with safety and health responsibilities.

PolyOne, which specializes in custom mixing of rubber compounds that serve many customers in the automotive market, has been in business since 1973 and is one of 90

facilities nationwide. The plant has 173 employees, and General Manager is Chuck Turner.

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